DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GEORGIA'S RULES FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT CHAPTER 391-3-4

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Environmental Protection Division (hereinafter, "EPD") of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources proposes amendments to the Georgia Rules for Solid Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-4 (hereinafter, "proposed Rule amendments").

EPD proposes to amend Rules 391-3-4-.01, 391-3-4-.02, 391-3-4-.03, 391-3-4-.04, 391-3-4-.05, 391-3-4-.06, 391-3-4-.07, 391-3-4-.08, 391-3-4-.09, 391-3-4-.10, 391-3-4-.11, 391-3-4-.12, 391-3-4-.13, 391-3-4-.14, 391-3-4-.16, 391-3-4-.17, 391-3-4-.18, and 391-3-4-.19. Substantive portions of the proposed Rule amendments include a permit review period for all new and existing solid waste handling permits, the ability to decrease post-closure care period for Construction & Demolition and Inert Landfills, training and Category B feedstock requirements for Class 2 composting facilities, and clarifying requirements for Scrap Tire Sorters. In addition, the proposed Rule changes include a number of clerical edits and updating or eliminating date references.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed Rule amendments, a synopsis, and a statement of rationale of the rule revisions, is being provided to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on a notification list. These documents may be viewed at https://epd.georgia.gov/chapter-391-3-4-rules-solid-waste-management or during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Land Protection Branch, Solid Waste Management Program, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia, 30354. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Land Protection Branch, Solid Waste Management Program at (404) 362-2696 or the Environmental Protection Division Director's Office at 1-888-373-5947.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed Rule, a public hearing will be held on the date and location below:

<u>November 28, 2017 (1:30 pm – 3:30 pm)</u>; Department of Natural Resources; Tradeport Training Room; 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116, Atlanta, Georgia 30354.

At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted in writing for the official record. Oral statements should be concise.

Written comments are welcomed. In order to be included in EPD's summary to the Board of Natural Resources, written comments should be received by close of business (4:30 p.m.) on December 10, 2017. Written comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov or sent via regular mail addressed to Branch Chief, Land Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. If you choose to email your comments, please be sure to include the words "Proposed Solid Waste Management Rule Amendments" somewhere in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

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The proposed Rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting on February 28, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the DNR Board Room, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 1252 - East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia. The meeting is open to the public.

The proposed Rule amendments are proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act (O.C.G.A. § 12-8-20, et seq).

For further information, please contact the Land Protection Branch, Solid Waste Management Program at (404) 362-2696.

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